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In re Patent Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 2861
	Ikemoto et al.)	Examiner: Thinh H. Nguyen
Application No. 10/614,571)	I hereby certify that this document is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail
Filed:	July 7, 2003)	in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 15, 2006.
For:	PRINTER AND PRINTER HEAD)	Christopher P. Rauch

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO 12/15/2005 OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Additional claim fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
+378 (1)	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS			() X 25.00 () X 50.00	0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS			() X 100.00 () X 200.00	0.00
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.			() YES (X) NO	()\$135.00 ()\$270.00 ONE TIME		
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT \$0.00						

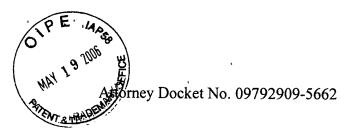
- X Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated <u>December 15, 2005</u> for <u>2</u> months so that the period for response is extended to <u>May 15, 2006</u>.
- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the two-month extension fee of \$ 120.00 to Applicants' Attorneys' credit card. Form 2038 is attached.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the additional claim fee of \$ _____ to Applicants' Attorneys' credit card. Form 2038 is attached.
- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
 When phoning re this application, please call 312/876-8000 Ext. 2606.

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DATE: May 15, 2006

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RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 15, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2005. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents for a two-month extension of the time to respond to the Office Action of December 15, 2005, so that the response date is extended to May 15, 2006. Credit Card payment authorization for the request fee is made via the electronic submission process.